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Dear Sir,

Singapore Patent Application No.: 200601569-7  
 Title of invention: ELECTRONIC DEVICE  
 Applicant(s): SONY CORPORATION (JP)

#### EXAMINATION REPORT

The Examination Report for this application has been established and a copy of it is attached.

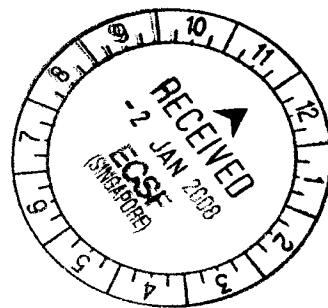
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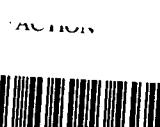


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2. This report contains indications relating to the following items:		
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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of

the application as originally filed.

the description, pages **1-14, 17**, as originally filed,  
pages , filed with the request,  
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the claims, pages , as originally filed,  
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the drawings, sheets **1/4 – 4/4**, as originally filed,  
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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: pages:

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3.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-7	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-7	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-7	YES
	Claims	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

D1- JP2001-228272 A (Filed) <sup>Rec</sup> 2127/06, Eng. Abstract  
D2- JP 63-305285 A (Filed)  
D3- EP 976011 A (Filed) 415/07

The above documents, mentioned in the related ISR, are the closest prior art to the invention.

D1 relates to a digital camera (with a simple correcting date/time means), as a battery is connected to it an internal clock begins to clock with its initial value, and a power source switch of an operation part is turned on, so that the clock value of the internal clock is compared to the date/time information in a non-volatile memory, if the former clock value is closer, the value is written in the non-volatile memory, if the latter date/time information is closer or if the date/time correction is done manually, automatic date/time correction with a received electric-wave is processed and the correct date/time information is stored in the non-volatile memory (see: abstract).

D2 relates to a means to be used to judge the night and day at a time in a desired region and the brightness at the outside of a building, by displaying the global night and day at a specified time on a map with brightness (see: abstract).

D3 relates to a chronometer for measuring and representing geophysical data by means of a measurement recorder, a measurement converter, a sequencer and a screen intended for displaying the phases of the moon. These phases are computed by means of a digital sequencer and represented on the screen by symbols in the form of pictograms (see: claims).

Claim 1 defines an electronic apparatus comprising "an acquisition means for acquiring a phase of the moon and a control means for controlling a specified operation responsive to said phase of the moon". This special technical feature of the invention is not disclosed in D1-D3 (considered singly or in combination). Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-7 are novel and inventive.

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**VIII. Certain observations on the application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The claimed invention is patentable according to Section 13(2); or

The claimed invention is unpatentable according to Section 13(2) because:

This application is a Divisional application filed under Section 26(6) of the Patents Act and discloses no additional matter extending beyond that disclosed in the Parent application.